

REMARKS

The 3 month period for responding to the last Office Action expired on October 19, 2006. A Petition for a 3 Month Extension of Time and the associated fee are enclosed. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, certain informalities in the specification and drawings are being corrected, and claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8-10, 12-15, 18 and 19 are being amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention. The addition of "new matter" has been scrupulously avoided. Claims 1-19 remain in this application.

In the initial Office Action, the Examiner noted certain informalities in the original drawings and specification. Applicant has carefully reviewed and revised the specification and drawing figures to remedy the informalities noted by the Examiner and other informalities detected by this review. More specifically, each reference character now refers to only a single element and reference characters 25 and 20.1 have been added to figures 2 and 6 respectively.

Replacement drawing sheets 2/7 and 5/7 are submitted herewith under cover of a separate letter to the Official Draftsperson. Entry and approval of these replacement drawing sheets are respectfully requested.

Since all of the informalities in the specification and drawings have been corrected, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw these objections.

Claims 1-19 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. This rejection, to the extent that it may be deemed applicable to the claims as now presented, is respectfully but most strenuously traversed.

Applicant has carefully reviewed and revised the pending claims to address the specific informalities noted by the Examiner and any other similar informalities. The amended claims are believed to be clear and definite.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner's indication that independent claim 1 appears to read over the cited prior art, is gratefully acknowledged. The dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons as independent claim 1 from which they all ultimately depend, as well as for their additional

limitations. Therefore, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

If it would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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